

chronic degenerative diseases, although stating that a dogmatic denial of such a nexus is not possible. For general paresis he takes the ground that the causal relationship is extremely unusual and difficult of proof; for tabes he says there is not satisfactory proof that it has ever been the sole result of trauma. A possible relationship, however, cannot be denied: In progressive muscular atrophy the evidence seems to show the probability,—in paralysis agitans and multiple sclerosis its possibility. It may be seen that the author takes a very conservative, and we believe, a very logical ground. Were he to insist on histo-pathological evidence to show the relationship of trauma to many of these chronic affections, his position would be probably even more dogmatic. As it is, it leaves the subject still open, pending further study.

The second part of the book deals with the functional side of the problem, in which the author discusses the traumatic neuroses of old, introducing, however, a wider and more rational view of the processes which in times past were marshalled under that head. A traumatic neurosis per se does not exist, and Bailey prefers to group them as traumatic neurasthenia, traumatic hysteria and unclassified forms. He first considers traumatic neurasthenia, drawing an excellent picture of this condition. Of the prognosis, his views are moderate and to the point. Most of the traumatic neurasthenias get well, but under the stress of litigation their condition, while not aggravated as badly perhaps as those suffering from traumatic hysteria, is not helped. The provisions laid down for treatment are excellent. The chapter on traumatic hysteria is especially full and instructive. It is a thoroughly modern, common sense presentation.

Final chapters on medico-legal relations, malingering, substitution, etc., and a bibliography close this standard treatise, the only one of its kind which is so eminently judicial and praiseworthy for its technical accuracy. SMITH ELY JELLIFFE.

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THE OPERATING ROOM AND THE PATIENT. BY RUSSELL S. FOWLER, M.D., Surgeon to the German Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y. Octavo, 172 pages, fully illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1906.

Dr. Russell Fowler's book is devoted to a consideration of the personnel and arrangement of the operating room, the instrument and supply room, anæsthesia, the preparation and examination of the patient, and the general considerations in the after-treatment of patients who have been operated upon. The book